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October 25th, 1917

The Honourable the Minister of Militia,

Ottawa.

Sir:

Will you allow me to lay before you on behalf of the Senate of the University of Toronto a statement in support of applications which I understand have been made to you by the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario that students who are engaged in the study of medicine in the universities and in the study of dental surgery in the Royal College of Dental Surgeons may be exempted from the ordinary draft under the terms of the Militia Act and be enlisted in special medical or dental reserve corps respectively in which they would be liable to be called whenever the military authorities wish to use their special training

The Ontario Medical Council realised that the drain on the medical profession for war purposes has been and is likely to continu to be so serious that should the war not come to an end soon the supply of graduates in medicine will need to be as large as possible. The Hospitals also are feeling the strain severely. In these circumstances the University Senate is glad to support the proposal made by the Secretary of the Ontario Medical Council

A similar situation exists with regard to the dental profession and inasmuch as the Royal College of Dental Surgeons is in the closest affiliation with the University of Toronto and its students

are registered as undergraduates of this University the Senate likewise supports the application made by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Honourable the Minister of Justice.

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto

October 29th, 1917

The Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

As you are doubtless aware, the University of Toronto through the Connaught and the Antitoxin Laboratories, has for over two years been preparing serums and vaccine for the use of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The serum used for the prevention of tetanus has been supplied in very large quantities and with excellent results. A recent General Order in France, mentioned the University of Toronto as one of the three sources from which serum was to be obtained. Meningitis serum is now being prepared for the War Office in addition to that prepared for use in Canada. This is so because of the investigation made by the O.C. No.5 Mobile Laboratory B.E.F. for the D.M.S. Second Army, as a result of which the serum prepared here was found to be the most patent of those tested, including sera from the Pasteur Institute, Lister Institute, etc.

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a serum for Gas-Bacillus infection which has been found to be highly successful when used in experimental animals. Gas-bacillus infection at present shares with tetanus infection a major place in the causation of infection of war wounds. If it is found therefore that the results obtained when the serum is used in human cases of gas b illus infection are at all comparable to those obtained in experimental animals the benefits accruing in the saving of life will probably be very great.

Dr. Flexner on Thursday very strongly urged several times during the day the desirability of the University at once undertaking the work in the Antitoxin Laboratory. So confident are those interested at the Rockefeller Institute that this serum will be of value that Dr. Bull is being sent Overseas within the next two weeks taking with him large quantities of serum for use in France.

The University of Toronto therefore wishes to offer to undertake to prepare this serum and to supply it to the Department of Militia and Defence at cost of preparation if its use is found to be beneficial in human cases. The University of Toronto is prepared to bear the cost of all the preliminary work in the laboratories, purchase of horses, etc. and the necessary scientific direction. In order that this work be commenced at once, additional scientific assistance is required. It is requested therefore that Captain A. H. Caulfeild C.A.M.C. of the staff of this University who is at present in France be recalled, preferably by

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA. November 8th., 1917.

Dear Mr. President:-

Captain A. H. Caulfield, C.A.M.C.,
Employment in Canada.

In reference to your letter of the 29th. ultimo, I have now received a cable from the Overseas Authorities advising that they were arranging to have Captain Caulfield recalled from France, and that upon arrival in England he would be despatched to Canada without delay.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. B. MacLean

R. A. Falconer, Esq.,
C.M.G., M.A., LL.D., D.Litt.,
President of the University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ontario.

January [illegible], 1917

The Honourable The Minister of Militia,

Ottawa.

Dear General [illegible]:

Some time ago I wrote to the Canadian Minister of Militia [illegible] University of [illegible] Toronto [illegible] University [illegible] medical students in attendance at the Universities of Canada. I believe that [illegible] think [illegible] have [illegible] their [illegible]. I understand that [illegible] that the [illegible] enough [illegible]?

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Yours sincerely,

President.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA. 8th January, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer:-

Leave to Canada for overseas Medical Students to complete professional studies.

I have your letter of the 4th instant, with reference to the question of returning to Canada medical students who have completed the first year in their course.

This matter has already been taken up with the overseas authorities, and at their request action has been deferred until February, when it will again be taken up with a view to having such students brought back to Canada, and you may be sure that the matter will be fully considered.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. Hughes

Sir Robert A. Falconer, C.M.G., M.A., LL.D.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Honourable Major-General Mewburn,

Minister of Militia,

Ottawa.

Dear General Mewburn:

[illegible] Colonel [illegible] Toronto [illegible] Hospital [illegible] University of Toronto [illegible] Toronto [illegible] in the Hospital. [illegible] Militia [illegible] approval.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA

February 2nd., 1918.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer:-

Colonel W. B. Hendry,
Leave to Canada.

I have your letter of the 28th. ultimo with regard to having Colonel Hendry return to Canada in order that business matters concerning No. 4 Canadian General Hospital (University) might be taken up, and I have cabled to see if this matter can be arranged.

Yours faithfully,

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G., M.A., LL.D.,
President of the University of Toronto,
TORONTO, Ontario.

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MILITIA AND DEFENCE
CANADA

MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA 20th. February, 1919.

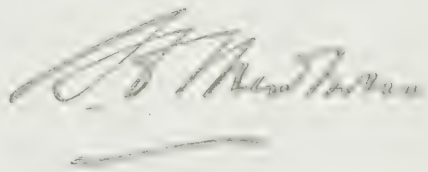
Dear Sir Robert Falconer:-

Col. W.S.Hendry, No 4 Can.Gen.Hospital,
Leave to Canada.

With further reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, I have now received the following cable from Sir Edward Kemp, which, I trust, will meet the situation:-

"Colonel Hendry will return as soon as possible for temporary duty Canada."

Yours faithfully,



Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G., M.A., LL.D.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.

February 22nd, 1915

The Honourable the Minister of Militia,

Ottawa.

Sir :

I am directed by Sir Robert Falconer to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. regarding leave for Colonel Bentley and to express his thanks for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.

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I shall be very [illegible] to you if you can [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure.

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Sir R A Falconer Toronto University

Toronto, Ont

990 reference your wire second hope arrangements can be made regarding medical students along the lines of your conversation with general fotheringham.

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Major General Hunter,

Minister of Marine and Defence,

Ottawa.

Dear General Hunter:

[illegible] the exhibit in Ottawa, the last report of the Ottawa committee of the Institute, and I am sorry to inconvenience you by personal or [illegible] with instructions to find out who is [illegible]. Shall be not be obliged [illegible] the more "[illegible]" which is officially [illegible] in the Executive ? This small [illegible] in [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] originally made.

[illegible] for the [illegible] Ottawa [illegible] Institute [illegible].

Yours [illegible],

[illegible]

[illegible] 1919

Dean [illegible],

University of Illinois and Science,

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Dean:

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Very sincerely,

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*Minister's Office,*
*Ottawa,* June 2'16.

Dear Sir Robert,-

Capt. R. [illegible] Williams, M.C.

Referring to your note of the 31st. ultimo, the above mentioned officer is still employed ~~in the~~ at Columbia University though I assume from your letter that he has arranged with that institution to discontinue his duties there and return to Toronto University. Is this the case? There will be no trouble about transferring him to the reserve of officers, C.A.F.; all he has to do is to forward an application to the Secretary, Militia Council, in the usual way. I presume Columbia University will want us to recommend some one in Capt. Williams place.

Perhaps Williams will be good enough to write me a line telling me what his proposed arrangements are and I will then see that any necessary action is taken.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
S. Z. Osborne
Colonel,
Military Secretary.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President Toronto University,
TORONTO, Ont.

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MINISTER'S OFFICE

OTTAWA June 15th, 1918.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

Lieut. Francis Campbell Hamilton -
Desire to Return Overseas

In the Minister's absence I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing a letter addressed to the Minister of Militia by the President of Rochester University.

I note that in the last sentence you say that Captain Hamilton wishes to get overseas service again. According to his official file he has been transferred apparently at his own request to the Reserve of Officers, C.E.F. and has made application for his Post Discharge Pay. If he now desires to obtain active employment, I would suggest that he at once make official application to the General Officer Commanding, Military District #2. If he is now fit for general service it may be possible to return him with a draft, but, of course, nothing can be done without the recommendation of Colonel Bickford.

Yours faithfully,

H H Ellis.
Captain,
For Private Secretary.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President of Toronto University,
Toronto.

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Ottawa, June 17th, 1918. 191

No. 2139482, Pte. Abraham L. Marshall,
2nd Depot Battalion, B.C. Regiment, C.E.F.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you that a request has been received from this soldier for leave of absence without pay in order that he may accept an appointment as Assistant in Chemistry at the University, Toronto.

May I enquire the nature and importance of this work in order to make the proper disposition of this case?

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Major-General,
Deputy Minister.

The President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto,
Ont.

Draft of letter to Dep Min of Militia. I should think that with a little fixing up something like this ought to do. Mlm

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University of Toronto

TORONTO, CANADA

CHEMICAL LABORATORY

In reply to your enquiry as to the nature and importance of the w work in which Mr Marshall will be engaged , should he be granted leave of absence without pay in order to accept his appointment as Assistant in Chemistry here, I beg to ~~xxxx~~ inform you

1) That our staff in Chemistry,bsides training a limited number of men to followthat science as a profession, gives lectures and laboratory instruction to all students of Medicine, Veterinary Science, Engineering and Forestry as an integral part of their University training. Over ninety percent of our graduates in Medicine since the war began, more that two hundred Veterinary graduates, and nearly all the Engineers and Foresters have joined the army in positions where their special training can be turned to the greatest advantage. All the graduates from the"special"departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering since 1914, and a large number of undergraduates — more than eighty in all — are now working in the chemical laboratories of the Imperial Munitions Board, or in those of plants for the production of explosives, acetone, nickel, molybdenum, or other substances essential to the prosecution of the war.

2) Within the month letters have been addressed to the University by the Imperial Munitions Board Ottawa, the British Chemical Co Trenton, British Acetones Toronto, Canadian Explosives Montreal, the British Explosives Works Nobel, and the Trinitro plant Nobel, asking to be supplied with more trained Chemists for their laboratories; and the Director of Explosives, Imperial Munitions Board, Ottawa writes under the date of April 30 1918 as follows:-

University of Toronto
TORONTO, CANADA

CHEMICAL LABORATORY

"Your men, with their technical training, and their realization of the importance of the work they are doing, have been of very great assistance to us; and I sincerely xxx hope that the Militia Department will realize, in spite of the urgent call for man power, the value of in no way interfering with the training of young Chemists in this country, for there is no doubt that as long as the war lasts it will be necessary for us to call upon the Universities for assistance".

3) The Staff in Chemistry has been very seriously depleted by the war. Two of the Professors of Chemistry are absent on militery duty, and a third as at Washington, acting as technical adviser to the British Mission there. The number of Assistants has been reduced, and we have the greatest difficulty in securing even this reduced number of qualified men. At present, two of the Assistants in Chemistry are graduates of United States Universities, who have been granted temporary exemption by their Local Boards because of the work they are x doing here; a third is from New Brunswick; we counted on Mr Marshall as a fourth, and even so have not been able to complete our list for saxfaxxpaxtaxtkexpresentxkavexnatxkeenxabiextaxfind the coming term.

In conclusion, I beg to submit that the work done in the Chemical laboratories of this University is of thexgx real importance to the army; that it is being carried out with much reduced staff; and that owing to the present great demand for and scarcity of trained Chemistsx we do not know where to look for a substitute in case Mr Marshall's leave should be refused.